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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Michael HOUGHTON et al.

Serial No.: 08/441,355

Filing Date: May 15, 1995

For: PROCESS FOR SCREENING FOR HCV
(AS AMENDED)

Examiner: M. Zeman

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AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002 (Paper No. 43) for which a response was due on March 24, 2003 and for which a 3-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response to June 24, 2003.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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